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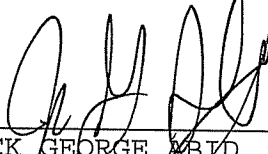
REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough and detailed examination of the present application, for extending all courtesies to Applicants' Attorney during the telephonic interview of May 7, 2010, and for correctly indicating that all of the claims recite patentable subject matter.

Pursuant to the Examiner's helpful suggestion during the telephonic interview, Applicants have amended independent Claims 21 and 48 to address some informalities. The Examiner correctly noted that correction of the informalities would place the present application in condition for allowance.

In view of the claims presented above, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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